## A Summary of Akron's Economy



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USA

4.6%

5.8%

9.3%

9.6%

8.9%

8.1%

7.4%

6.2%

5.3%

4.9%

### **Highlights**

- ✓ The Chemical Manufacturing
  Industry in the Akron MSA has been
  growing since 2013, reaching a GDP
  of \$1140 Million in 2015
- ✓ Per Capita GDP in the Akron MSA surpassed the State of Ohio in 2016 reaching above \$48,000.
- Akron's concentration of Rubber Product Manufacturing for Mechanical use is 14x the national average
- ✓ The Management, Business, Science, and Art Occupations sector experienced the largest growth from 2013 to 2016.

#### Unemployment **Unemployment Rates** 10.0% Percent Unemployed 8.0% 6.0% 4.0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 Akron MSA 6.2% 5.0% 5.4% 10.1% 10.5% 9.0% 7.4% 7.6% 5.9% 4.9% 5.0% 5.6% 10.4% 10.2% 4.9%

Regional Unemployment Data April 2017				
MSA	U-Rate	Moth/Month	Year/Year	
Akron	4.4%	2%	1%	
Canton	4.7%	2%	1%	
Cincinnati	3.7%	1%	1%	
Cleveland	5.4%	2%	+.1%	
Columbus	3.4%	2%	1%	
Toledo	4.8%	1%	+.1%	

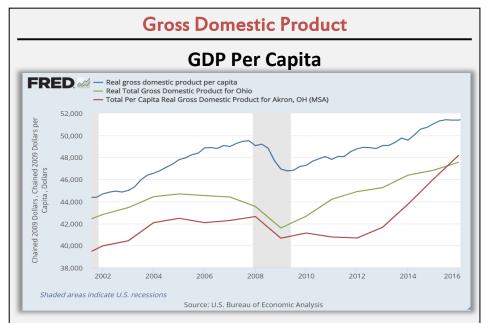
Note: Month/Month is percent change from March to April and Year/Year is percent change from April 2016 to April 2017

<sup>\*</sup>The Akron MSA is defined as Summit and Portage counties.



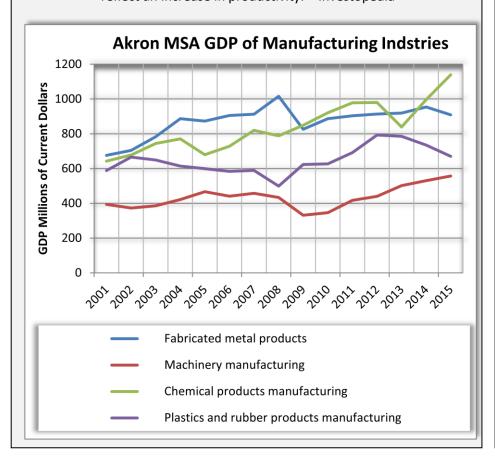


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#### Why is Per Capita GDP Important?

"A rise in per capita GDP signals growth in the economy and tends to reflect an increase in productivity." -Investopedia



### **Location Quotients**

The following Location Quotients (LQ) indicates the geographical concentration of a particular activity in Akron as a function of the expected concentration based on the national average. The following table shows industries in the Akron MSA that are 1) most heavily concentrated in the Akron MSA and 2) have the Akron MSA listed in the top 10 highest LQ for all geographic areas in the nation.

Industry*	Akron MSA LQ 2017 Q1
Rubber product mfg. for mechanical use	14.63
Other Industrial machinery mfg	11.03
Toilet Preparation Mfg.	10.31
Unlaminated plastics profile shape mfg.	8.60
Synthetic dye and pigment mfg	8.19
Nonferrous metal die-casting foundries	7.45

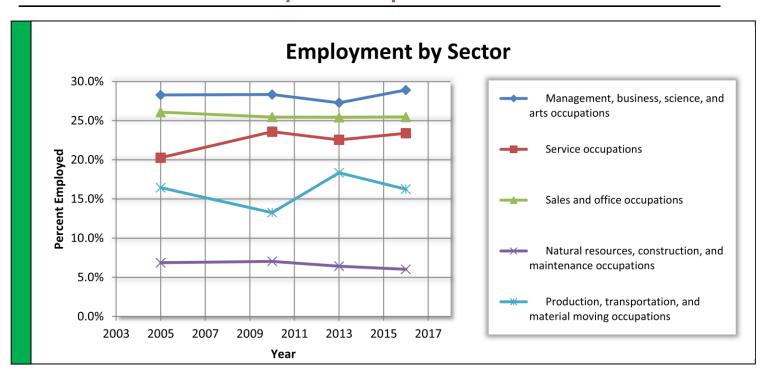
\*For Industry definitions visit: https://classcodes.com/naics-5-digitindustry-code-list/

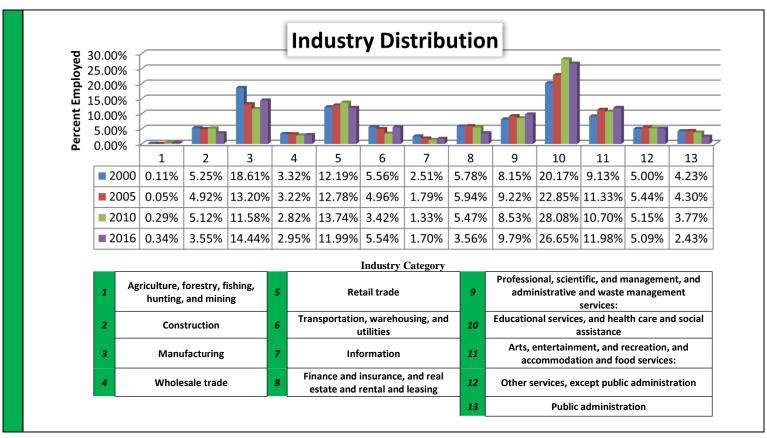


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### **Industry and Occupation Trends**



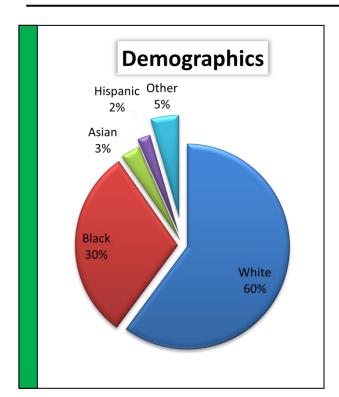


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#### Social Characteristics



Key Socio-Economic Indicators 2015 Data Collected from the <i>US Cencus: American Fact Finder</i>			
Percent High School Graduate or Higher	86.5%		
Labor Force	86,622		
Median Home Value	\$81,200		
Median Household Income	\$34,512		
Mean Household Income	\$47,513		
Average Household Size	2.31		
Median Earnings for male-full time	\$40,092		
Median Earnings for female-full time	\$31,344		

